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TALKING POINTS FOR THE ADDI**South Africa: Unrest Update**

Pretoria's security measures have failed to defuse black unrest in the townships and apparently have sparked a more indiscriminate bombing campaign by ANC insurgents.

- Some 220--an average of about 4 per day--have died in unrest related incidents since the state of emergency was imposed 12 June, according to press reports.
- Estimates of the number of persons now being detained range between 8,000 and 10,000.

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- Since 12 June, ANC guerrillas probably have been responsible for some 25 attacks--most of which have been bombings--including several in "white areas." To date, two whites--and 10 others--have been killed; over 100 people of all races have been injured. A recent lull in bombings was broken by a number of attacks last week. The death toll in last weekend's bombing outside a naval base in Walvis Bay, Namibia now stands at five. No casualties have been reported from the weekend bombing of a Post Office outside Cape Town.
- Violence also is continuing in the black homelands. A probable ANC attack last week on a police station in the nominally independent Transkei killed seven. The widespread public celebrations following the car bomb killing of a homeland official and vigilante leader in KwaNdebele--scheduled to become "independent" this this December--reportedly is leading homeland officials to reconsider accepting independence.

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The situation in black schools remains tense. Students continue to bristle at the heavy security force presence at many schools and the government's new regulations that require them to reregister and carry ID cards.

- The government is determined to end political activity in schools and has announced several closings. Pretoria's refusal last week to meet with the National Education Crisis Committee (NECC)--the parent, teacher, and student group responsible for ending school boycotts last year--is likely to fuel student unrest. The United Democratic Front (UDF) and the Congress of South African Trade Unions (COSATU) have pledged to support protests against school closings.
- Nationwide, some 300,000 black students--out of a total of about 1.7 million--reportedly have ignored the government's deadline to reregister and are boycotting classes. US Embassy sources describe the situation in Soweto schools as chaotic. Some 15,000 students in 10 of Soweto's 60 high schools boycotted classes late last week in protest of the presence of security forces.

Pretoria responded quickly to last week's court decision overturning some emergency regulations. President Botha bypassed court decisions by issuing special orders giving local police the power to impose additional restrictions on groups, impose curfews, and ban meetings.

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